



On a journey: Let us share



Prayer of May 2020

- **Mary, health of the sick,**
we entrust to you those who, in our country and around the world, are oppressed by the disease. Heal them, help those who struggle between life and death, support those who assist them by defending life with their service in hospitals and places of care.

All: Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.

- **Mary, comforter of the afflicted,**
support the weakest, the lonely and worried elderly, who can't be visited, so that they feel the tenderness of your presence and always give them the caress that reassures and makes them feel loved and defended. Remember those who feel they do not have control over their life and feel so much agitation. Guide those who live on the street and have nowhere to go, who is a foreigner and feels lonely.

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- **Mother of good Council**
we can all strike and be struck by evil. Teach us to be responsible for ourselves and for others, in a newfound communion of destiny, strong in hope and intelligent in charity, so that after this trial we can hug each other and love each other as your son Jesus commanded us and first loved us.

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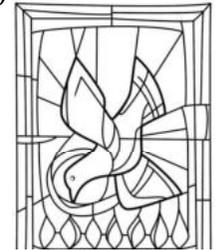
OUR FATHER

The faith of Jeanne-Antide characterises her entire life. Her faith has deep roots, nourished by prayer, the Word of God and the life in the Church, at times it's stronger during times of trial, at times it's active and creative for God's glory and the good of the poor. Like Jeanne-Antide, let's take the time to ask the Lord for us and for all the Christians, the grace of a living and active faith.



Final song to Jeanne Antide

In this Easter time,
we invoke the gift of the Holy Spirit:
in this time of suffering and hardship,
may the Lord give his Comforter to support us,
to lift our gaze and to give us new
and broader horizons, projects and breaths.
Let us ask the Holy Spirit for lifestyles aimed
at a new and more effective care
for the weakest of Creation...



A song to the Holy Spirit

From the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* n° 52

We must continue to be aware that, regarding climate change, there are differentiated responsibilities. As the United States bishops have said, greater attention must be given to "the needs of the poor, the weak and the vulnerable, in a debate often dominated by more powerful interests".

We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. There are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide, still less is there room for the globalization of indifference.



Silence accompanied by a music

"The world moves if we move, changes if we change, it becomes new if one becomes a new creature, it becomes cruel if we unleash the beast that is in each of us."



From the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* n° 70 et 164

“...*Everything is interconnected*, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others...”

An interdependent world not only makes us more conscious of the negative effects of certain lifestyles and models of production and consumption which affect us all; more importantly, it motivates us to ensure that solutions are proposed from a global perspective, and not simply to defend the interests of a few countries. *Interdependence obliges us to think of one world with a common plan.*”



Silence accompanied by a music

Let us pray with Psalm 119 (118):

Meditation on the Law of the Lord

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the Lord.

Blessed are those who keep his statutes
and seek him with all their heart—

they do no wrong but follow his ways.

You have laid down precepts
that are to be fully obeyed.

Oh, that my ways were steadfast
in obeying your decrees!

Then I would not be put to shame
when I consider all your commands.

I will praise you with an upright heart
as I learn your righteous laws.

I will obey your decrees;
do not utterly forsake me.

Though the wicked bind me with ropes,
I will not forget your law.

At midnight I rise to give you thanks
for your righteous laws.

I am a friend to all who fear you,
to all who follow your precepts.

The earth is filled with your love, Lord;
teach me your decrees. Glory to the father...

From the Gospel according to Matthew 13 : 31-33

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

Reflection time

We live in an interdependent world, called continuously, to sharing. And this world of ours is the place of God’s inexhaustible wealth, it is the place of our encounter with God, where he is tirelessly at work. Every man is responsible for creation entrusted to his care, and his freedom is a mystery that can promote his development or cause his degradation.

- what is our responsibility to other members of the human family?

- what are the change of attitudes, perspectives, actions and projects that interdependence invites us to live?



Song of invocation

At the end of this time of prayer, our thoughts turn to Mary as we go through the month dedicated to her and slow and insecure we go back to the streets and workplaces, knowing that the world so large and interconnected, had to pause so long in silence and inactivity.

Yes, we are full of fear and can only rely on Mary’s maternal protection so that our hearts can find peace.

All: Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.

☉ **Mary, our Mother and Mother of every person,**
morning star that when the night is darker
orient our steps and announce the sun
that is born for us who are in darkness
and in the shadow of death, turn your merciful eyes to us.

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